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SUMMER THEME ADDRESSES KEY ISSUES

CHARLESTON, IL--"Ethics and Social Responsibility: A Global Crisis" is the special theme of Summer School 1989 at Eastern Illinois University.

According to Dr. Charles Switzer, Summer School Director, recent economic, religious, political and legal events have created a sense of urgency concerning the issue of ethics and social responsibility in America and throughout the world.

He said in the context of an increasingly interdependent world, many feel the need for global, cooperative approaches and solutions to the problems of the decline of ethics and social responsibility in modern society. The summer theme addresses this issue as it affects all institutions and all aspects of human endeavor, Switzer explained.

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Switzer says programming for the summer will include workshops and special courses relating to the summer theme.

Highlighting the special programs will be several returning visiting faculty from past summers who will teach workshops related to the summer theme.

The workshops will feature such internationally-known educators as Karl Haas, acclaimed pianist, conductor and music critic whose syndicated radio broadcast, "Adventures in Good Music," has won him numerous awards.

Other visiting faculty include George Schweitzer of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, nationally known scientist/philosopher and prominent author and speaker on genealogy. Joan Embery, International Goodwill Ambassador for the San Diego Zoological Society and frequent visitor on the Johnny Carson Tonight Show, will also teach a workshop and give a lecture. She has brought to the public an awareness of the plight of many endangered species.

Other visitors are Robert Ferrell of Indiana University, authority on American foreign policy in the presidencies of Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower; and Judy-Arin Krupp, an expert on adult and staff development and the adult learner.

Another visiting faculty member is Ray B. Browne of Bowling Green State University, founder of the popular culture movement which has resulted in the rigorous research and analysis of the popular arts and culture in America and elsewhere.

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As in the past summers, public lectures by the Distinguished Visiting Professors have been slated. The Eleventh Summer Lecture Program will provide students, faculty and members of the community opportunities for cultural enrichment.

A special feature of the lecture series this summer will be George Schweitzer's evening course, "Our Evolving Universe." This eight-lecture program attracted large numbers when it was first offered in Summer 1981, Switzer said.

Fourteen one-semester-hour/one-week or weekend workshops will be offered, dealing with various perspectives on the summer theme of ethics and social responsibility. These workshops, taught by Eastern's faculty, include "Truth and Values: Literature, Ethics and Social Responsibility;" "Moral Development and Behavior;" "Ethics and Access to Health Care;" and "AIDS and Ethics: Individual Rights Versus Social Responsibility."

Other special theme workshops include "Reproductive Technologies: Toward a Global Ethic of Choice;" "True or False: The Reality of TV News;" "Ethical Questions Concerning Patients with Disabilities;" and "Civic Education and Social Responsibility: The European Experience."

In addition to these special theme workshops, several special courses and many workshops offer continuing students, adult learners, professionals and teachers opportunities to update their knowledge and skills. Many of these courses and workshops as well as regular summer school offerings address other aspects of the summer theme.

For further information concerning special programming related to the summer theme, contact Dr. Charles Switzer, Director of Summer School, Eastern Illinois University, or call (217) 581-2023.